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Energy Sector

Current Electricity Sector Threat Alert Levels: Physical: Elevated, Cyber: Elevated

Scale: LOW, GUARDED, ELEVATED, HIGH, SEVERE [Source: ISAC for the Electricity Sector (ES-ISAC) – <http://esisac.com>]

1. *October 20, Reuters* — OPEC considers production increase. OPEC could raise production early next month to counter high oil prices, just days after implementing curbs agreed upon only last month, cartel president Abdullah al-Attiyah said Monday, October 20. Attiyah said that OPEC members would observe guidelines that stipulate output be increased if prices stay above the top end of its \$22–\$28 target range for 20 consecutive working days. Buoyed by an output cut agreed last month, OPEC's index of crudes by Friday, October 17, had

been above \$28 for seven working days, valuing U.S. crude as high as \$32.60 a barrel. **U.S. crude eased 43 cents Monday to \$30.25 a barrel, still uncomfortably high for economic growth among energy-importing industrialized powers. OPEC's crude index was last valued Friday at \$28.89.** If prices don't ease further, the 20th working day above \$28 would fall November 5. The September deal to cut output only comes into effect November 1. Many OPEC members informed refiners last week of lower volumes for November. Whether OPEC follows through, and effectively reverses the September decision, remains to be seen. Several other ministers have said that high prices are temporary and fueled by investment fund speculators.

Source: <http://money.cnn.com/2003/10/20/markets/opec.reut/>

2. *October 20, Reuters* — **Two tremors felt at California nuke plant. Two small earthquakes were felt at Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) Co.'s 2,200 megawatt Diablo Canyon nuclear station in California on Saturday, October 18, the company told the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) in a report on Monday, October 20. The earthquakes did not damage the station, PG&E said.** The two earthquakes, both magnitude 3.4, were located 10 miles southwest of San Luis Obispo, CA, according to the Earthquake Center in Colorado. The Diablo Canyon station is located 12 miles west-southwest of San Luis Obispo. The first earthquake occurred at 12:27 a.m. PDT, and the other earthquake occurred at 12:39 a.m., the company said. Following the earthquakes, PG&E declared an unusual event, which is the lowest of four levels of emergency classification used by the NRC. **The company exited the event about three hours later after operators conducted a walkdown of the plant to look for damage. Both 1,100 MW units 1 and 2 were operating at full power early Monday.**

Source: http://biz.yahoo.com/rc/031020/utilities_pg_e_diablocanyon_1.html

3. *October 19, Petroleum News* — **Gas-to-liquids plant opens.** While a gas-to-liquids (GTL) demonstration plant at Nikiski, AK, continues to turn out about 180 barrels per day of clean fuel, a recent study by an international energy consulting firm says growing GTL production worldwide could supply five percent of diesel demand by 2010 in North America, Europe and the Pacific Rim. **In keeping with that increased focus on GTL as a growing supply of clean fuel, a new demonstration plant was dedicated earlier this month near Tulsa, OK. The 70-barrel-per-day plant is scheduled to start operations in early November. The plant was designed and constructed under the Department of Energy's Ultra-Clean Fuels program, which is aimed at developing new fuels to reduce emissions from cars and trucks.** The virtually sulfur-free fuel from the Oklahoma plant will be used for a long-term test in fleet vehicles, including public buses in Washington, DC, and National Park Service vehicles.

Source: <http://www.petroleumnews.com/pnarch/031019-22.html>

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Chemical Sector

Nothing to report.

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

4. *October 20, The Newport Daily News (RI)* — **Debut of USS Chafee.** The memory of the late U.S. Sen. John H. Chafee was honored Saturday, October 18, as nearly 6,000 people attended the commissioning of the Navy ship that bears his name. The Chafee is the 40th guided missile Arleigh Burke-class destroyer in the Navy's fleet. Construction of the \$1 billion ship began in April 2001 at Bath Iron Works in Bath, ME. The ship extends 509 feet in length, is 66 feet wide and can exceed 30 knots. **The ship is capable of strike warfare with Tomahawk missiles, anti-surface, anti-submarine and anti-air defense. There are two SH-60 Sea Hawk helicopters on board that can perform missions as well as conduct search-and-rescue operations.** The USS Chafee departed on Monday, October 20, for its home port in Pearl Harbor, HI.

Source: http://www.newportdailynews.com/articles/2003/10/20/news/new_s1.txt

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Banking and Finance Sector

5. *October 19, Associated Press* — **U.S. accuses Virginia group of aiding terror. A Virginia-based network of charities and businesses is accused by the government of bankrolling groups considered by the U.S. as terror organizations and laundering millions of dollars. An affidavit and supporting court papers by Customs Service special agent David Kane were used to justify warrants for searches of eleven residences and businesses in northern Virginia and a chicken processing plant in Georgia.** Kane contends targets of the requested searches moved huge sums through multi-layered financial transactions and to accounts in banks on the Isle of Man, a tax haven in the English Channel. From there, he surmised, the money must have been moved, but the island's tight bank secrecy laws had thwarted investigators. "The evidence to date demonstrates that multiple millions of dollars have been moved between the SAFA Charities, between the for-profit members of the SAFA Group and the SAFA Charities, and between the SAFA Charities and foreign entities represented to be charitable in nature," Kane wrote in documents made public Friday, October 17. **He said he had probable cause to believe the reason that SAFA Charities existed was to hide the distribution of money to terror groups, principally Palestinian Islamic Jihad and Hamas, the Islamic Resistance movement.**

Source: http://story.news.yahoo.com/news?tmpl=story&u=/ap/20031019/ap_on_re_us/terror_finance_2

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Transportation Sector

6. *October 20, Associated Press* — **Fire on Brooklyn ferry forces evacuation. A fire on a Brooklyn ferry forced the evacuation of eight passengers and four crew members Monday morning, but there were no injuries, the Coast Guard said.** The rescue comes less than a week after 10 people died and more than 60 other passengers were injured when a Staten Island ferry careened into a pier. The Brooklyn passengers and crew were transferred to Fire

Department and Coast Guard vessels after the fire broke out on the Sea Streak Liberty at 9:25 a.m., according to Chief Dave French, a Coast Guard spokesman. **The ferry can carry about 300 passengers and travels between Brooklyn and Manhattan. It was not immediately clear which way it was heading when the fire erupted in the ferry's stacks, which are like the exhaust system for the engines.**

Source: <http://www.newsday.com/news/nationworld/nation/wire/sns-ap-brf-ferry-fire.0.5610110.story?coll=sns-ap-nation-headlines>

7. *October 20, FOX News* — **Southwest Air again beats larger rivals. By earning more than \$100 million, Southwest's performance is a standout in the industry, which is only beginning to emerge from its worst financial crisis ever.** Since the September 11, 2001, hijacker attacks, billions of dollars in losses have piled up for most major U.S. carriers, with the exception of No. 6 U.S. carrier. But all airlines remain vulnerable to another attack, both financially and in terms of their security. Southwest and other airlines last week had to search all their aircraft after box cutters and other suspicious items were found on two Southwest planes. **The Dallas-based airline, which only flies Boeing 737s, said that based on improving revenue it recently exercised one Boeing 737-700 option for 2005 delivery and four 2006 options for accelerated delivery in 2004.** It also agreed to lease an additional new 737-700 in 2004, bringing its total 2004 deliveries to 47 planes.

Source: <http://www.foxnews.com/story/0.2933.100617.00.html>

8. *October 20, Charleston.Net* — **Amtrak trains show increase as Charleston scores in ratings. Amtrak trains routed through Charleston, SC, saw a 6.8 percent increase in passenger volume in the fiscal year ended September 30, thanks to lower fares and simpler pricing.** The Silver Meteor train, which runs from New York to Miami, had almost 38,000 more passengers than the previous year, a 15.2 percent increase. The Palmetto, which follows the same route, had about 11,000 fewer riders, about a 5.5 percent decrease from 2002. The decline resulted from Amtrak cutting the sleeping car from the Palmetto, according to company spokesman Dan Stessel. Although financial results for the year haven't been released, in 2002 the two routes generated \$46.6 million in ticket revenue. **Overall, the quasi-governmental operation boosted ridership to 24 million, a company record and a 2.7 percent increase from the year before. Passenger numbers on Eastern routes declined slightly, but Western trains carried 10.4 percent more people.** For the 2002 fiscal year, the company posted a \$1.13 billion loss.

Source: http://www.charleston.net/stories/102003/bus_20tourism.shtml

9. *October 20, The Trucker* — **Government supports Highway Watch program. Government officials showed support of the Highway Watch program recently when they provided the funds to back it.** The first ever homeland security appropriations bill was signed October 1 by President George W. Bush, **giving \$22 million for the Highway Watch program, among other things.** According to Jack Legler, director of trucking security at the American Trucking Associations (ATA), the ATA is awaiting the Transportation Security Administration's decision regarding release of fiscal 2003 funding for the program. The appropriations bill also included \$50 million for the Transportation Worker Identification Credential, \$17 million for Operation Safe Commerce and \$7 million for Hazmat security and truck tracking, according to Legler.

Source: http://www.thetrucker.com/stories/10_03/1020_security_fundin_g.html

10. *October 20, Government Executive Magazine* — **Lawmakers launch extensive review of transportation security. The House Government Reform Committee launched an "extensive review" on Monday into the operations of the Transportation Security Administration (TSA), with a special emphasis on airline passenger screening.** The announcement comes after recent reports by the General Accounting Office and Homeland Security Department that found problems with passenger screening, as well as a security breach last week in which bags containing box cutters and other suspicious items were found on two Southwest Airlines planes. "Despite significant seizures of prohibited items from passengers going through TSA security checkpoints, [last] week's events highlight possible weaknesses in the system which need to be addressed," committee Chairman Tom Davis, R-VA, said in an October 18 letter to TSA Administrator James Loy announcing the review. **TSA spokesman Darrin Kayser said the agency is "committed to continuously improving our systems" and is "looking forward to working with Congressman Davis and responding to all of his questions in a timely manner."**

Source: <http://www.govexec.com/dailyfed/1003/102003c1.htm>

11. *October 16, Federal Computer Week* — **Rhode Island DOT papers go digital. Rhode Island Department of Transportation (DOT) officials are creating an electronic document management system to better preserve their paper documents and gain easier and quicker access to information.** So far, about 100 years worth of archival material, some of which will be made available for public access, has been automated, but the department is now expanding the electronic document management system to include correspondence and other documents. Most state transportation departments are still paper intensive, but a few, such as Arizona and Texas are more advanced, said John Antenucci, PlanGraphics' president and chief executive officer, adding Rhode Island is ahead of the curve as well. **Automation within most state transportation departments largely centers on computer-aided design and drafting, but there are also large repositories of hand-drawn documents collected by third-party drafting firms.**

Source: <http://fcw.com/geb/articles/2003/1013/web-ri-10-16-03.asp>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

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Agriculture Sector

12. *October 17, Reuters* — **USDA reports infractions of biotech rules. U.S. biotech companies and research universities have violated strict federal regulations on planting experimental genetically modified (GM) crops more than a hundred times in the past decade, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). The USDA said none of the 115 infractions since 1990 resulted in any harm to U.S. agriculture, the food supply, or the environment.** The department published for the first time the number of violations the biotech industry has committed when planting GM corn, soybeans, wheat, and other crops not yet ready

for commercialization. With more and more biotech companies targeting GM crops for uses other than feeding humans and animals, the USDA said it wanted to make its enforcement actions more transparent to the public. Companies are experimenting with GM crops as a cheaper way to mass produce medicines and industrial products. **The USDA said the 115 infractions represent less than 2 percent of the 7,400 field tests authorized since 1990. The USDA considered most of infractions as minor violations like dirty farm equipment and not enough isolation between conventional crops.** Eight of the infractions led to fines ranging from \$500 to \$250,000.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/newsArticle.jhtml?type=topNews&storyID=3639319>

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Food Sector

13. *October 20, Fence Post* — **Bacteriophage: leading the way to safer food. Students and faculty from Evergreen State University hope to eradicate E. coli 0157:H7 in the near future — not at the food serving table, nor the packing plant, but within the animal itself.** A small flock of Texas sheep introduced them to E. coli 0157:H7's natural predator, a virus called bacteriophage, which is found within the sheep's intestinal track. **Researchers believe this phage will eradicate the food borne pathogen. Furthermore, that eradication will take place not in the intestines of sheep, where it was first found, but instead in the intestines of the cow, 30 percent of which are reported to carry E. coli 0157:H7.** According to Dr. Andrew Brabban, co-leader of the phage program at Evergreen, the team has now done some preliminary studies. "In two days in sheep carrying E. coli 0157:H7, levels were reduced to one percent of their initial value. We need to do more trials and also more basic phage biology work, but the initial data is very promising," said Brabban. The battle against E. coli 0157:H7 has been dependent upon antibiotics, but today those bacteria are outsmarting the treatment.
- Source: <http://www.thefencepost.com/article.php?sid=834&mode=&order=&thold=>

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Public Health Sector

14. *October 20, Associated Press* — **No evidence SARS is airborne.** There is no evidence to suggest that Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) is an airborne virus, the World Health Organization (WHO) said Monday in a report that also found health workers to be at special risk and children rarely affected. **The report, summarizing international research on SARS, concluded that at all outbreak sites, the main route of transmission was direct contact with infectious respiratory droplets.** "The finding that each patient infected on average three others is consistent with a disease spread by direct contact with virus-laden droplets rather than with airborne particles," WHO said, noting that in airborne diseases such as influenza or

measles, one person can infect an entire room by coughing. The report said health workers accounted for 21 percent of all cases. **The risk of a person transmitting the disease is greatest at around day 10 of the illness, when a maximum virus excretion from the respiratory tract occurs, then declines, the report said. The research found no evidence that patients transmit the infection 10 days after fever has subsided.** The report said children are rarely affected, with only two reported cases of transmission from children to adults and no reports of transmission from children to other children.

Source: http://story.news.yahoo.com/news?tmpl=story&cid=553&ncid=751&e=9&u=/ap/20031020/ap_wo_en_he/as_gen_who_sars_virus

15. *October 20, Reuters* — **Smallpox still an ideal bioterror agent, experts say. Potential clandestine stocks, inadequate emergency planning, and lapsed vaccinations mean the smallpox virus remains an ideal biological terror weapon, disease experts said Monday.** Eradicated in 1979, the smallpox virus now officially only exists at the U.S. Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and at the Russian virology institute. But secret stocks may lie in several other countries and could be used to launch a bioterror attack, experts said. "I am not so naive as to believe we only have two repositories in the world," said Ken Alibek, a professor at George Mason University who defected from the former Soviet Union in 1992 after working on the anthrax virus. "In the 21st century, we have no doubt that we will see attempts to use biological agents for attacks," said Peter Jahrling, an adviser to the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute. **Scientists have noted that since the end of a World Health Organization campaign to eradicate smallpox, vaccination programs have not always been maintained. They say some 90 percent of the world's population is susceptible to the virus.** Disseminated through the air and on clothing, smallpox spreads fast but is difficult to diagnose. **Jahrling said the U.S. had made rapid progress in terms of diagnostics, and now has access to some 300 million doses of smallpox vaccinations.**

Source: <http://www.reuters.co.uk/newsArticle.jhtml?type=healthNews&storyID=3649415§ion=news>

16. *October 19, Lab Notes* — **Microchip diagnoses. Beginning next summer, a tiny bio-chip developed at University of California Berkeley will help researchers in Nicaragua understand and screen for a tropical disease that incapacitates as many as 100 million people each year. The 2 millimeter ImmunoSensor provides a quick test for the dengue virus even when the nearest clinical laboratory may be hundreds of miles away.** "In the third world, there aren't very many specialized labs that can test these blood samples," says co-inventor Bernhard E. Boser. "Many regions don't even have the quality of water you need to do traditional tests." **The solution was to put the laboratory right on the chip, at a cost of less than \$1 each.** Spread by mosquito, the dengue virus causes headaches, intense fever, rashes, and, in infants, the risk of death. Currently the dengue virus is detected with a test called the Enzyme-Linked Immunosorbent Assay (ELISA). With ELISA, an enzyme is added to the sample that activates a visible colored dye in the presence of a particular antigen or antibody. In lieu of enzymes and dyes, the ImmunoSensor employs magnetism and microelectronics.

Source: <http://www.coe.berkeley.edu/labnotes/1003/boser.html>

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Government Sector

17. *October 20, Copley News Service* — With elections on horizon, immigration bills have new momentum in Congress. One plan with a good chance of becoming law would legalize up to 500,000 agricultural workers, and trim the paperwork for hiring those workers from abroad. The plan, by Sens. Larry Craig, R-ID, and Edward Kennedy, D-MA, was negotiated for years between farm workers' unions and farmers, and now has the support of Senate leaders and the White House. Immigrants who can show they did farm work for 100 days over the past 18 months would get temporary resident status. They would have to work another 360 days in the following six years to keep that status. **Kennedy is also working with Chuck Hagel, R-NE, on a plan that would, for a \$1,000 fee, give work permits to all immigrants who have been in the country for five years, paid taxes for three, and taken English instruction.** Their spouses and children would also get legal status. Immigrant advocates are especially pleased with a plan by GOP Sen. Orrin Hatch of Utah that would give conditional residency to as many as 70,000 teens who have been in the country five years, graduated from high school, and have no criminal record.
Source: <http://www.signonsandiego.com/news/politics/20031020-1454-cn simmig.html>

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Emergency Services Sector

18. *October 20, Associated Press* — Vets to be trained as first responders. Illinois is hosting a two-day training conference starting tomorrow in Springfield, for veterinarians to learn how to become first responders to bioterrorism or an animal disease outbreak. A veterinarian with the state, Colleen O'Keefe, says such training is important for any large animal doctor because vets are the ones who will most likely see illnesses first. O'Keefe says the state hopes at least one veterinarian from each county will receive the emergency training. The training is free to all veterinarians and is being paid for with federal grant dollars.
Source: <http://www.wtvo.com/Global/story.asp?S=1489491&nav=0RePid87>

19. *October 20, Associated Press* — FEMA: Securing hometown helps secure homeland. People can help keep America secure simply by preparing for disasters that might strike their hometowns, the head of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) said Monday in South Carolina. "If we prepare people for any kinds of hazards – hurricanes, a hazardous material accident out here on Highway 17 – whatever we do to prepare people for those types of hazards, we have secured the homeland," Michael Brown said. "We have made the country safer in terms of a terrorist attack." Brown is the undersecretary of emergency preparedness and response in the Department of Homeland Security, which includes FEMA. **He visited South Carolina to meet with state and local officials and discuss hurricane evacuation plans for the Grand Strand, the heart of the state's nearly \$15 billion tourism industry.** "There are so many people, and maybe some in this room, who think Myrtle Beach will never be attacked by terrorists. I don't think it will be," he said. "But I guarantee you this: Mother Nature will attack Myrtle Beach. We will have another hurricane."
Source: <http://www.thestate.com/mld/thestate/news/local/7060694.htm>

20. *October 20, Tri-Valley Herald Online* — Airplanes slated to 'crash' at California's Oakland airport and marina. The Alameda County Fire Department and city of San Leandro,

in conjunction with Oakland International Airport, will hold a simulated airplane crash drill Thursday. **The exercise will consist of a full-scale, multiagency disaster drill in the waters off the San Leandro Marina and at the Oakland Airport.** The exercise, which will run from 9 a.m. to noon, will include simulated land, air and water rescue and response operations. Officials said San Leandro residents should not be alarmed if they see helicopters, rescue boats, fire engines and other emergency equipment in the area of the marina on Thursday. **Assistant Fire Chief Jim Purchio said the exercise would simulate a mid-air collision between a jetliner and a smaller jet. In the scenario, the jetliner is able to make a landing at Oakland Airport while the smaller plane plummets into San Francisco Bay.** The drill will include the water rescue of about 10 "victims" and the rescue of passengers aboard a Boeing 727, officials said.

Source: <http://www.trivalleyherald.com/Stories/0.1413.86~10671~17110 27.00.html>

21. *October 20, Federal Computer Week* — **Responders need better info sharing.** Despite two years of effort, formidable hurdles still affect information exchange between first responders at the local level, members of a panel told the Industry Advisory Council's Executive Leadership Conference today. **"The sector that's the farthest along in information sharing is law enforcement," said Steve Cooper, chief information officer at the Homeland Security Department. "The sector that appears to be the least well-integrated is public health."** Cooper, who led the panel discussion here, repeated the Bush administration's call for an Interstate Communication Expressway project, in which federal government officials would build the infrastructure nationwide and then build offramps into local communities, who would be responsible for taking the system from there, an approach similar to that of the Interstate highway system. **Public health departments typically operate within a relatively small area, and, unlike law enforcement agencies, have not always needed the ability to communicate rapidly with other agencies in other locations,** Cooper said.

Source: <http://fcw.com/geb/articles/2003/1020/web-dhs-10-20-03.asp>

22. *October 17, Associated Press* — **Six people dead, others trapped in Chicago office building fire.** A fire in a high-rise county administration building Friday, October 17, killed six people and trapped workers in smoke-filled stairways and hallways, officials said. **Some of the victims inside the 35-story Cook County, IL, administration building were not found until after the fire was brought under control. Fire Superintendent James Joyce said a comprehensive search of the building was completed about five hours after the fire was first reported. He said he did not know how the fire got started in the building, which has an alarm system but no sprinklers.** Flames and dense gray clouds of smoke billowed out of the windows shortly after the fire broke out around 5 p.m. The smoke was so thick that it forced some people inside to retreat from the stairwells. The rush-hour fire snarled traffic in the city's Loop business district and forced subway commuters to bypass underground tunnels.

Source: <http://www.9news.com/storyfull.aspx?storyid=19926>

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Information and Telecommunications Sector

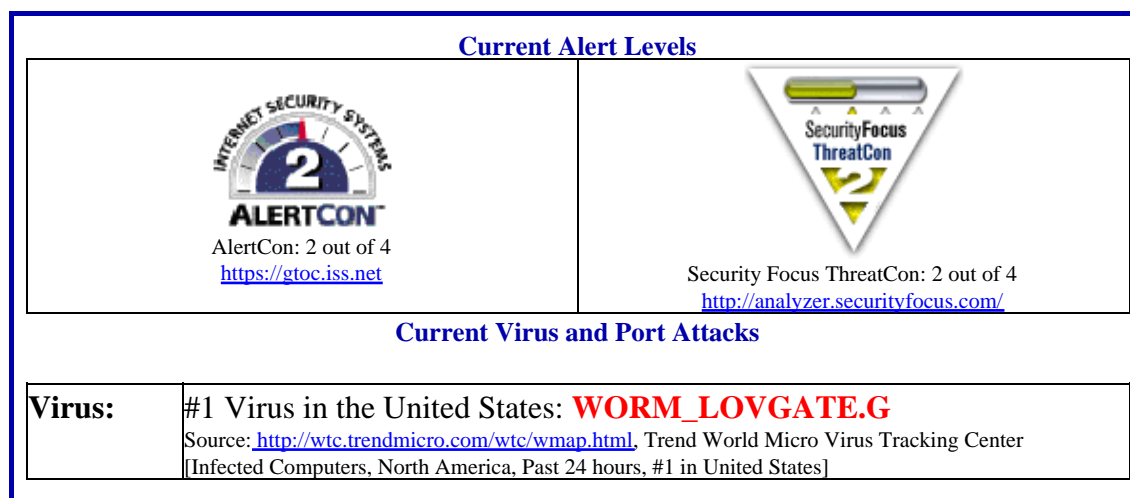
23. *October 19, Associated Press* — **Romania emerges as nexus of cybercrime.** Computer-savvy Romanians are fast emerging as a bold menace in the shadowy world of cybercrime. Law

enforcement documents obtained by The Associated Press portray a loosely organized but increasingly aggressive network of young Romanians conspiring with accomplices in Europe and the United States to steal millions of dollars each year from consumers and companies. Their specialties: defrauding consumers through bogus Internet purchases, extorting cash from companies after hacking into their systems, and designing and releasing computer-crippling worms and viruses. **Computer crime flourished in Romania because the country lacked a cybercrime law until earlier this year, when it enacted what may be the world's harshest.** The new law punishes convicts with up to 15 years in prison—more than twice the maximum for rape. **More than 60 Romanians have been arrested in recent joint operations involving the FBI, Secret Service, Scotland Yard, the U.S. Postal Inspection Service and numerous European police agencies.**

Source: http://www.boston.com/business/technology/articles/2003/10/19/romania_emerges_as_nexus_of_cybercrime/

24. *October 16, FCC* — **FCC adopts 3G rules.** In Report and Order (FCC 03–251) adopted Thursday, October 16, **the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) advanced its efforts to provide new and existing wireless operators with additional spectrum resources and issued rules that will enable wireless providers to offer an array of innovative products and services,** including wireless broadband Internet access. Thursday's action provided service rules for the 1710–1755 MHz and 2110–2155 MHz spectrum bands. As determined by the FCC in November 2002, these bands can be used to offer a variety of new and advanced wireless services, including voice, data, and broadband services — often referred to as Third Generation, or "3G," services — using high-speed fixed and mobile networks. The rules include provisions for application procedures, licensing, technical operations, and competitive bidding. **This spectrum will be licensed by geographic areas under the FCC's market-oriented Part 27 rules, and will be assigned by competitive bidding.** In order to accommodate the needs of a variety of providers, including large carriers as well as small and rural providers, the band plan for this spectrum includes a mixture of license sizes and geographic areas. Maps of EAs, REAGs, and CMAs can be found on the FCC's website at <http://wireless.fcc.gov/auctions/data/maps.html>.
Source: <http://www.fcc.gov/>

Internet Alert Dashboard



Top 10 Target Ports	135 (epmap), 1434 (ms-sql-m), 137 (netbios-ns), 445 (microsoft-ds), 1433 (ms-sql-s), 80 (www), 17300 (Kuang2TheVirus), 139 (netbios-ssn), 4662 (eDonkey2000), 27374 (SubSeven) Source: http://isc.incidents.org/top10.html ; Internet Storm Center
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General Sector

25. *October 20, Associated Press* — Filipinos raid suspected terror group. The Philippine military raided a house believed to have been used by an al Qaeda-linked terror group, seizing bomb-making materials and notes on how to build rocket-propelled grenades and biochemical weapons, officials said Monday. No one was arrested during the raid Sunday in southern Cotabato city, police and military spokesmen said. Authorities found wires, a dismantled battery charger, and improvised timing devices among the bomb-making equipment. **They also seized documents referring to the Southeast Asian terror group Jemaah Islamiyah, 32 pamphlets on bomb-making, and a manual on bioterrorism,** military spokesman Vice Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Rodolfo Garcia said. Jemaah Islamiyah, an al Qaeda-linked group, has been blamed for last year's Bali bombings that killed 202 people and an August 5 attack on Jakarta, Indonesia's J.W. Marriott Hotel that killed 12 people. **The raid also turned up a chemical substance that was being analyzed,** Garcia said.

Source: http://www.ajc.com/news/content/news/ap/ap_story.html/Intl/AP.V2192.AP-Philippines-Jem.html?urac=n&urvf=10666710798530.7860098096281254

26. *October 20, Associated Press* — State Department urges deferral of travel to Israel, West Bank, Gaza. A travel warning, Monday night, noted that ongoing violence has caused numerous civilian deaths and injuries. American tourists, students, residents and U.S. government contract workers have been among the casualties. In light of the lethal terrorist attack on contract workers in Gaza last Wednesday, a State Department statement reiterated its statement following the incident that U.S. citizens leave Gaza. "The potential for further terrorist acts remains high," it said. **The situation in Israel, Jerusalem, Gaza and the West Bank remains extremely volatile, with continuing terrorist attacks, confrontations and clashes, the statement added.**

Source: <http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/news/archive/2003/10/20/national1906EDT0782.DTL>

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